

Table 1: Federal Pell Grant Program:

Summary Statistics for Cross-Year Reference

Table 1 summarizes the general applicant and recipient trends in the Federal Pell Grant Program from award period 1973-74, the first year of the program, through award period 1994-95.

1973-74 through 1979-80

As the eligible population expanded from freshman only in 1973-74 to all undergraduates attending Federal Pell Grant participating schools at least half-time in 1976-77, the number of aid recipients increased from 176,000 to 1.9 million. The number of students submitting an official Federal Pell Grant application also rose slightly (from 3.6 million in 1976-77 to 3.9 million in 1978-79). In 1979-80, the number of recipients qualifying for a grant increased by 34 percent (from 1.893 million to 2.537 million). The average grant increased from \$814 in 1978-79 to \$929 in 1979-80. Actual expenditures rose by \$65 million from 1976-77 to 1978-79.

1980-81 through 1987-88

Students submitting an official Federal Pell Grant application increased from 4.8 million in 1980-81 to 6.3 million in 1987-88. In 1980-81, 2.7 million received aid. After a drop to 2.5 million in 1982-83, the number had risen to 2.9 million in 1987-88. In 1980-81, the average grant was \$822; by 1987-88 the figure had risen to \$1,303. Larger awards, and a slight rise in student participation increased the total program expenditures to \$4.75 billion in 1987-88, a 57.2 increase from the 1980-81 figure.

1988-89 through 1993-1994

In 1989-90, the number of applicants grew 4.0 percent to 6.8 million, with over 4.3 million of those applicants eligible to receive a grant in 1989-90. The maximum allowable grant increased from \$2,200 in 1988-89 to \$2,300 in 1989-90. The average grant increased to \$1,438. In 1990-91, the number of applicants grew 5.3 percent to 7.1 million with over 4.5 million of those applicants

eligible to receive a grant. The average grant increased in 1990-91 to \$1,449. Total program expenditures also increased 3.3 percent from 1989-90 to \$4.93 billion.

The 1991-92 award year saw the number of Title IV applicants rise to 7.8 million (an 8.9 percent increase over 1990-91). In 1992-93, the number of applicants rose 6.1 percent to 8.2 million (Figure 5). The average grant increased from \$1,530 in 1991-92 to \$1,543 in 1992-93. The maximum Federal Pell Grant for both of these years stayed the same at \$2,400. Total expenditures increased from \$5.793 billion in 1991-92 to \$6.176 billion in 1992-93.

In 1993-94, the number of students filing official applications for Title IV aid increased to 8.7 million or a 6.3 percent increase. However, the 3.755 million recipients in 1993-94 represented a 6.2 percent decrease from the 4 million recipients in 1992-93. The maximum allowable grant decreased to \$2,300. Average grant also decreased to \$1,506. Total expenditures declined significantly to \$5.7 billion, a decrease of 8.4 percent from 1992-93.

1994-1995

Figure 5 shows that the number of students submitting official applications increased 2.3 percent to 8.9 million in the 1994-95 award year. The recipient population dropped to 3.674 million (a 2.1 percent decrease from 1993-94). In continuance of a downward trend, both the average grant received and actual expenditures decreased. Total expenditures dropped to \$5.5 billion (a 2.4 percent decrease from 1993-94), and the average grant declined slightly to \$1,502. The maximum allowable grant remained the same at \$2,300.

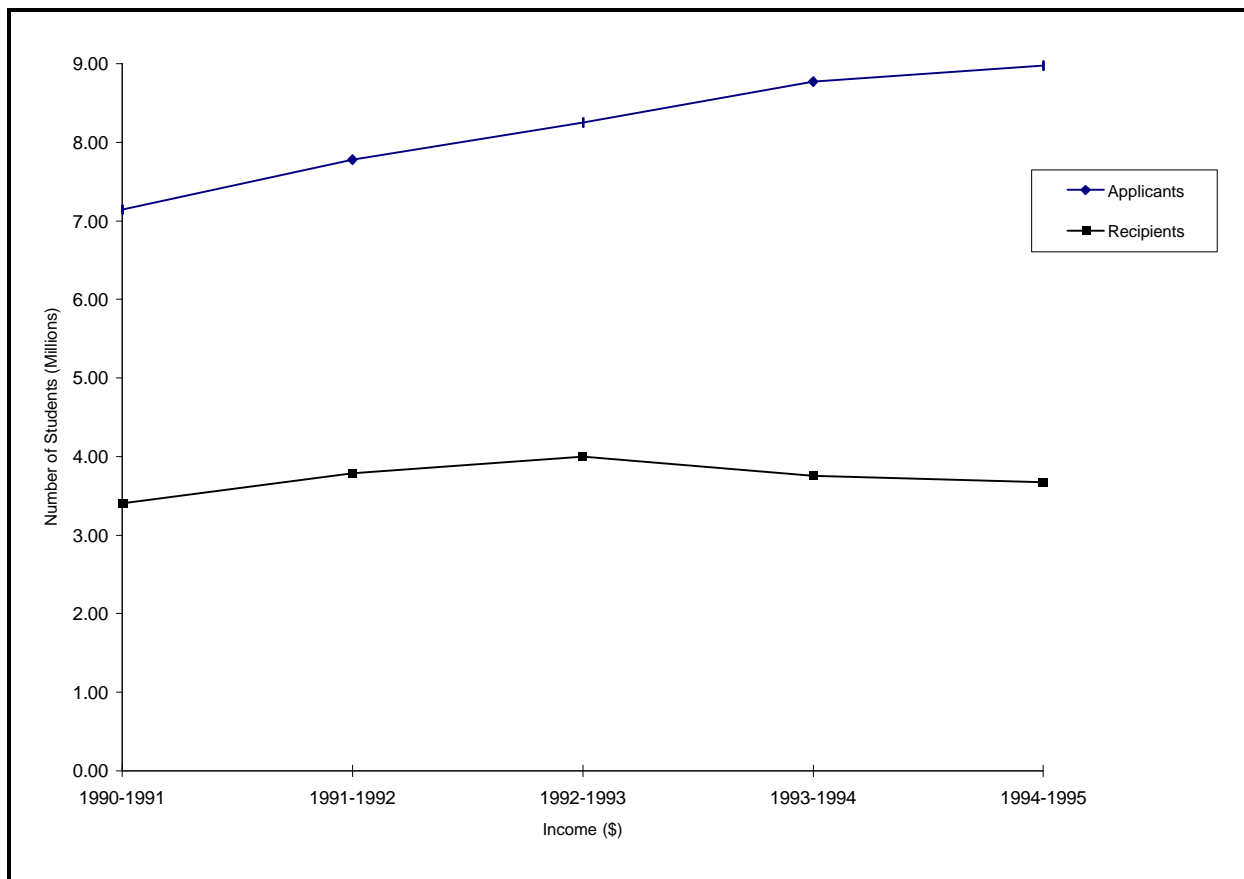


Figure 5: Title IV Applicants and Federal Pell Grant Recipients by Award Year

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	A W A R D P E R I O D					
	1973-1974	1974-1975	1975-1976	1976-1977	1977-1978	1978-1979
NUMBER OF TITLE IV APPLICANTS SUBMITTING OFFICIAL APPLICATIONS.....	512,866	1,304,877	2,339,337	3,590,379	3,844,047	3,885,383
NUMBER OF TITLE IV FEDERAL PELL GRANT APPLICANTS SUBMITTING VALID APPLICATIONS.....	482,331	1,114,084	2,178,696	3,408,718	3,621,641	3,401,428
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF FEDERAL PELL GRANT ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.....	268,444 52.3%	681,648 52.2%	1,455,187 62.2%	2,258,043 62.9%	2,390,320 62.2%	2,228,603 57.4%
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF FEDERAL PELL GRANT INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.....	213,887 41.7%	432,436 33.1%	723,509 30.9%	1,150,675 32.1%	1,231,321 32.0%	1,172,825 30.2%
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF APPLICATIONS RETURNED FOR INSUFFICIENT DATA AND NEVER RE-SUBMITTED FOR PROCESSING.....	30,535 6.0%	190,793 14.6%	160,641 6.9%	181,661 5.1%	222,406 5.8%	483,955 12.5%
NUMBER OF TITLE IV APPLICANTS SUBMITTING UNOFFICIAL APPLICATIONS.....	0	0	0	0	0	348,236
	FEDERAL PELL GRANT RECIPIENTS					
CLASSES OF ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	FULL-TIME FRESHMEN	FULL-TIME FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORES	FRESHMEN SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS	ALL UNDER- GRADUATES	ALL UNDER- GRADUATES	ALL UNDER- GRADUATES
NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS SELECTED FOR VERIFICATION.....	0	0	0	0	0	119,263
FEDERAL PELL GRANT RECIPIENTS	176,000	567,000	1,217,000	1,944,000	2,011,000	1,893,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	47,589,000	\$358,353,000	\$925,998,000	\$1,475,444,000	\$1,524,340,000	\$1,540,895,000
AVERAGE PELL GRANT.....	\$270	\$628	\$761	\$759	\$758	\$814
MINIMUM PELL GRANT.....	\$50	\$50	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$50
MAXIMUM PELL GRANT.....	\$452	\$1,050	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,600
FUNDING LEVEL.....	STEPPED REDUCTION	STEPPED REDUCTION	FULL FUNDING	FULL FUNDING	FULL FUNDING	STEPPED REDUCTION

NOTE: FOR 1993-1994, THE VALID APPLICANT COUNT INCLUDES 872,410 GRADUATE STUDENTS.

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	A W A R D P E R I O D					
	1979-1980	1980-1981	1981-1982	1982-1983	1983-1984	1984-1985
NUMBER OF TITLE IV APPLICANTS SUBMITTING OFFICIAL APPLICATIONS.....	4,186,716	4,825,420	4,945,760	5,118,558	5,453,548	5,514,029
NUMBER OF TITLE IV FEDERAL PELL GRANT APPLICANTS SUBMITTING VALID APPLICATIONS.....	3,868,429	4,475,762	4,614,590	4,709,225	4,955,775	4,981,357
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF FEDERAL PELL GRANT ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.....	3,029,745 72.4%	3,330,534 69.0%	3,398,237 68.7%	3,341,371 65.3%	3,541,191 64.9%	3,558,386 64.5%
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF FEDERAL PELL GRANT INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.....	838,684 20.0%	1,145,228 23.7%	1,216,353 24.6%	1,367,854 26.7%	1,414,584 25.9%	1,422,971 25.8%
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF APPLICATIONS RETURNED FOR INSUFFICIENT DATA AND NEVER RE-SUBMITTED FOR PROCESSING.....	318,287 7.6%	349,658 7.2%	331,170 6.7%	409,333 8.0%	497,773 9.1%	532,672 9.7%
NUMBER OF TITLE IV APPLICANTS SUBMITTING UNOFFICIAL APPLICATIONS.....	280,918	265,283	266,197	296,146	284,945	299,485
FEDERAL PELL GRANT RECIPIENTS						
CLASSES OF ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	ALL UNDER- GRADUATES	ALL UNDER- GRADUATES	ALL UNDER- GRADUATES	ALL UNDER- GRADUATES	ALL UNDER- GRADUATES	ALL UNDER- GRADUATES
NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS SELECTED FOR VERIFICATION.....	232,118	320,852	313,791	1,660,021	1,047,792	1,046,080
FEDERAL PELL GRANT RECIPIENTS	2,537,875	2,707,932	2,709,076	2,522,746	2,758,906	2,747,100
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	\$2,357,222,000	\$2,387,117,000	\$2,299,718,000	\$2,420,517,000	\$2,797,057,000	\$3,052,999,052
AVERAGE PELL GRANT.....	\$929	\$882	\$849	\$959	\$1,014	\$1,111
MINIMUM PELL GRANT.....	\$200	\$150	\$120	\$50	\$200	\$200
MAXIMUM PELL GRANT.....	\$1,800	\$1,750	\$1,670	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,900
FUNDING LEVEL.....	FULL FUNDING	\$50 FLAT REDUCTION	\$80 FLAT REDUCTION	STEPPED REDUCTION	FULL FUNDING	FULL FUNDING

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	AWARD PERIOD					
	1985-1986	1986-1987	1987-1988	1988-1989	1989-1990	1990-1991
NUMBER OF TITLE IV APPLICANTS SUBMITTING OFFICIAL APPLICATIONS.....	5,627,131	6,028,303	6,297,598	6,519,349	6,777,992	7,138,940
NUMBER OF TITLE IV FEDERAL PELL GRANT APPLICANTS SUBMITTING VALID APPLICATIONS.....	5,205,492	5,535,734	5,714,194	5,913,224	6,165,309	6,455,099
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF FEDERAL PELL GRANT ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.....	3,710,933 65.9%	3,769,608 62.5%	3,812,814 60.5%	4,199,322 64.4%	4,347,681 64.1%	4,507,984 63.1%
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF FEDERAL PELL GRANT INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.....	1,494,559 26.5%	1,766,126 29.2%	1,901,380 30.1%	1,713,902 26.3%	1,817,628 26.8%	1,947,115 27.3%
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF APPLICATIONS RETURNED FOR INSUFFICIENT DATA AND NEVER RE-SUBMITTED FOR PROCESSING.....	421,639 7.4%	492,569 8.1%	583,404 9.2%	606,125 9.3%	612,683 9.0%	683,841 9.6%
NUMBER OF TITLE IV APPLICANTS SUBMITTING UNOFFICIAL APPLICATIONS.....	287,661	321,489	320,193	318,291	301,658	177,718
	FEDERAL PELL GRANT RECIPIENTS					
CLASSES OF ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	ALL UNDER- GRADUATES	ALL UNDER- GRADUATES	ALL UNDER- GRADUATES	ALL UNDER- GRADUATES	ALL UNDER- GRADUATES	ALL UNDER- GRADUATES
NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS SELECTED FOR VERIFICATION.....	2,079,093	2,452,150	1,698,146	1,892,916	1,277,397	1,421,596
FEDERAL PELL GRANT RECIPIENTS	2,813,489	2,659,507	2,881,547	3,198,286	3,322,151	3,404,810
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	\$3,597,379,921	\$3,460,006,551	\$3,754,329,481	\$4,475,693,249	\$4,777,844,232	\$4,935,191,005
AVERAGE PELL GRANT.....	\$1,279	\$1,301	\$1,303	\$1,399	\$1,438	\$1,449
MINIMUM PELL GRANT.....	\$200	\$100	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$100
MAXIMUM PELL GRANT.....	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,200	\$2,300	\$2,300
FUNDING LEVEL.....	FULL FUNDING	LINEAR REDUCTION	FULL FUNDING	FULL FUNDING	FULL FUNDING	LINEAR REDUCTION

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	1991-1992	1992-1993	1993-1994	1994-1995
NUMBER OF TITLE IV APPLICANTS SUBMITTING OFFICIAL APPLICATIONS.....	7,775,216	8,248,141	8,770,409	8,969,646
NUMBER OF TITLE IV FEDERAL PELL GRANT APPLICANTS SUBMITTING VALID APPLICATIONS.....	6,983,636	7,365,243	8,518,710	7,777,169
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF FEDERAL PELL GRANT ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.....	4,941,079 63.5%	5,243,139 63.6%	5,382,698 61.4%	4,902,257 54.7%
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF FEDERAL PELL GRANT INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.....	2,042,557 26.3%	2,122,104 25.7%	3,136,012 35.8%	2,874,912 32.1%
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF APPLICATIONS RETURNED FOR INSUFFICIENT DATA AND NEVER RE-SUBMITTED FOR PROCESSING.....	791,580 10.2%	882,898 10.7%	251,699 2.9%	234,305 2.6%
NUMBER OF TITLE IV APPLICANTS SUBMITTING UNOFFICIAL APPLICATIONS.....	176,021	189,665	201,167	201,020
CLASSES OF ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	FEDERAL PELL GRANT RECIPIENTS			
	ALL UNDER- GRADUATES	ALL UNDER- GRADUATES	ALL UNDER- GRADUATES	ALL UNDER- GRADUATES
NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS SELECTED FOR VERIFICATION.....	1,631,617	1,614,852	2,357,145	1,841,475
FEDERAL PELL GRANT RECIPIENTS	3,786,230	4,002,045	3,755,675	3,674,967
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	\$5,792,702,829	\$6,175,902,364	\$5,654,453,265	\$5,519,474,492
AVERAGE PELL GRANT.....	\$1,530	\$1,543	\$1,506	\$1,502
MINIMUM PELL GRANT.....	\$200	\$200	\$400	\$400
MAXIMUM PELL GRANT.....	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,300	\$2,300
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